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In response to Appellant's Reply Brief filed 09 November 2005, the Reply Brief has been NOTED and acknowledged by the Examiner.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

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